

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending.

Substitute paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing are being submitted herewith in response to the requirement to comply with the Sequence Rules 37 CFR § 1.821 et seq. The attached substitute paper and computer readable forms of the Sequence Listing do not add new matter, and their contents are the same. Prompt notice of any defects in the Sequence Listing is earnestly solicited and additional time is requested to comply.

No new matter is added by the insertion of the priority claim in the specification and the original abstract of the disclosure on a separate sheet.


The inventors' declaration is submitted herewith. Form PCT/IB/306 shows that the assignee was changed from Ancibio Ltd. to Licentia Oy.

Having fully responded to the Notification, Applicants submit the requirements for a patent application have been satisfied and earnestly solicit an early examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

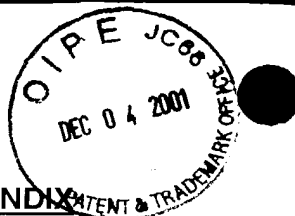
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APPENDIX

MARKED-UP VERSION TO SHOW CHANGES

IN THE TITLE

The title is amended as follows.

DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING METHOD FOR MALE INFERTILITY

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The following new paragraph is added on page 1 after the title:

This is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/FI00/00140, filed February 22, 2000, now abandoned.

IN THE ABSTRACT

The abstract of the disclosure is attached.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

The substitute paper and original computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are attached.